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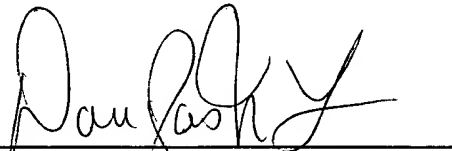
Request for Telephone Interview

Counsel respectfully requests a telephone interview in the next couple of weeks with the Examiner and her supervisor to discuss the two independent claims in view of the prior art. Counsel will call the Examiner to schedule a telephone interview with the Examiner and her supervisor.

Concluding Remarks

Accordingly, it is respectfully contended that entry of this Amendment and Petition is in order, that the claims as now pending are patentable, and that issuance of the Notice of Allowance at an early date is in order. If any fees are due with this Amendment, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 16-2230.

Respectfully submitted,



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